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Sir:

Pursuant to the election requirement imposed in the Official Action dated September 26, 2003, Applicants elect the claims of Species A, i.e., Claims 1-10 for continued prosecution herein.

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